WINNERS AT HAWAIIAN HIBISCUS SHOW.

Adele and August Miller of Honolulu, Hawaii walked away with nearly all of the honors at the recent 16th annual hibiscus show at Ala Moana Park Pavilion, in Hawaii.

Their entries were judged best in the categories for brown, lavender-wine, multi, orange and splashed, and they also took best-in-show honors. Their "John F. Kennedy," a large single, was chosen the best-in-show bloom.

Hideo Asato took the best white and best pink honors and Arthur Nagao took the best red honors.

Here are the categories and bloom names: The best brown was "John F. Kennedy," in reality it is a rust color on the orange side. Lavender-Wine were "Margaret Okano" and "Henry Schurman." Multi-colored were "Joan Lum" and "A-128." Orange were "Margaret Schurman" and "Muriel B." Pink were "A-135" and "Powder Puff." Red were "B.P. 3" and "D.R. 12." White were "A-154" and "Temper Storm." Specials were "Bob Tomlinson" and "A-146."

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The green "stink bug," a common feeder on flower buds and blossoms, has been reported in several sections of Leeward Oahu.

The half-inch-long insect was first found and identified last September. University of Hawaii entomologists are now working on control measures.

There have been reports of major damage to hibiscus plants. Home garden owners can control the pest by spraying malathion either in the emulsifiable or wettable powder form.

The above was from a clipping sent in from Hawaii. We would suggest caution when using malathion.

WELL WHATTA YA KNOW

Did you know that in China the Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is generally called "Fu Sang?"

According to Chinese folklore and ancient Chinese literature the name Fu Sang refers to a fabulous tree, which is apparently a plant quite different from Hibiscus. The legend has nothing to do with hibiscus but it is interesting none the less.

This Fu Sang was supposed to grow on a fairyland someplace in the seas east of China, behind which the sun rose. This land consisted of three fairy islands and in very ancient times men had been able to reach this fairy land, but later on the stormy sea never allowed a boat to reach them. This, according to the legend, is the land in which immortals live, the land of personages in Chinese mythology.

The Fu Sang is said to reach 20,000 feet high and grows fruit that makes men immortal when eaten. There were expeditions dispatched to seek this land of mysterious fruit of immortality. It is said that one expedition was made up of some 3,000 boys and girls. These 3,000 never returned and it is thought that they propagated the Japanese race.

Some Western authors have claimed that this land was in reality America and have built up a hypothesis that the Chinese discovered America long before Columbus while they were in search of the Fu Sang tree.

So you see it is a small world after all.

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The men on the park bench looked up as a shapely girl came down the path.

"How old does a man have to be before he loses interest in women?" asked one of the younger men. From the other end of the bench came a quavering reply,

"Over 82 anyway, sonny."